

HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES of the MEETING

March 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Best at 6:01 p.m. In the absence of a Secretary, Ms. Best nominated Meghan Nelson as Secretary pro-temp. Ms. Biesiadecki seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call: Linda Best, Kathy Biesiadecki, Meghan Nelson, and Maureen Lue. Also present Kristin Vana, MHB Manager; Jerry Skogmo, Executive Director Renz Center; Emma Eschenfeldt, Girl Scouts of Northern IL; LeRoy Messenger, Cheryl Novas and Peg Saintcross from Northwest Compass; and Deb Sirchia, Elgin resident.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Biesiadecki, seconded by Ms. Nelson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Presentations: Emma Eschenfeldt, Grants Manager for Girls Scouts of Northern IL discussed the GSNI FY 17 challenge grant application. The pilot program has seen 99 Hanover Township students since October and anticipates to continue to grow through the FY 17 funding cycle. Jerry Skogmo, Executive Director of Renz Center discussed Renz Center’s FY 17 challenge grant application. Renz is seeking new program funding to begin a Medication-Assisted Therapy (MAT) program, which combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance abuse disorders and prevent opioid relapse and overdose. LeRoy Messenger, CEO of Northwest Compass, in addition to Peg Saintcross and Cheryl Novas discussed the Legacy Corps program and it’s transition to a new sponsoring agency, Northwest Compass. The Legacy Corps program transitioned from LSSI to Northwest Compass in March 2016 without disruption in service to any of the veterans and their families they currently served.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting was moved by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Biesiadecki. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Financials: Motion to approve the February 2016 financials was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Lue. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Nelson Yes Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Lue Yes

Manager's Report: The Manager's Report was presented and reviewed. Manager informed the board that Northwest Compass has submitted a signed lease and the Legacy Corps program would remain at the Resource Center. Manager reminded the board that the new fiscal year begins April 1, 2016.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

FY 2017 Challenge Grant Request: Girl Scouts of Northern IL: Girl Scouts made a request for FY 2017 challenge grant funds in the amount of \$13,915 to support and expand Hanover Township Outreach, which provides leadership experience to underserved populations of girls who otherwise may lack access to extracurricular activities. A motion to approve \$13,915 was made by Ms. Biesiadecki, seconded by Ms. Nelson. Discussion ensued. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Nelson Abstain Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Lue Yes

FY 2017 Challenge Grant Request: Renz Addiction Counseling Center: Renz Center made a request for FY 2017 \$15,000 in challenge grant funding to support a new treatment program, Medication-Assisted Therapy (MAT). A motion to approve this request was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Lue. Discussion ensued. It was noted that a transitional program such as MAT, was defined as a gap in service in the Mental Health Board Community Needs Assessment. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Nelson Yes Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Lue Yes

FY 2017 Veteran's Mental Health Funding: Northwest Compass: Northwest Compass requests \$20,000 in FY 2017 annual funding to continue to provide the Legacy Corps program in Hanover Township. A motion to approve the Veteran's Mental Health funding to be allocated to Northwest Compass, Legacy Corps in the amount of \$20,000 was made by Ms. Biesiadecki, seconded by Ms. Nelson. Discussion ensued. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. Motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Nelson Yes Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Lue Yes

Consideration of April and May 2016 Mental Health Board Meeting Dates: Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming meeting dates of the board. The board will meet Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Downey Hall and Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 PM in Downey Hall.

Consideration of Schedule of Mental Health Board Officer Elections: Manager discussed Mental Health Board office elections. The board will hold officer elections at the May 10, 2016 meeting.

Due to the resignation of Ms. Lemke, Ms. Biesiadecki made a motion to elect Meghan Nelson as Secretary from March 22, 2016 – June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lue. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Mental Health Board FY 2017-2019 Strategic Plan: A motion to approve the FY 2017-2019 Strategic Plan as presented was made by Ms. Lue, seconded by Ms. Biesiadecki. Discussion ensued. Manager Vana reviewed the three year plan and noted it would take effect April 1, 2016. Ms. Best called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

Ms. Best Yes Ms. Nelson Yes Ms. Biesiadecki Yes Ms. Lue Yes

Planning and By-Laws Committee Meeting Review: Ms. Biesiadecki explained the committee was looking further into how FY 2017 funding is allocated in terms of mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities, in addition to direct service vs. advocacy, support and referral. A study of the Hanover Township Hispanic community was also discussed. Manager Vana will meet with Jaime Garcia, Executive Director for Centro de Informacion, in April to begin discussing how Centro may be able to assist in the study. The next Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Site Visit Review: JOURNEY'S: Ms. Biesiadecki, Ms. Garvey and Manager Vana visited JOURNEY'S in Palatine on Thursday, March 17th. Ms. Biesiadecki stated the agency provided thorough services including a drop in center, counseling and therapy services, a food pantry, etc. The Center offers meals throughout the day and transportation services if available. JOURNEY'S works with 18 PADS sites in the northwest suburbs. No additional follow up was recommended at this time.

Executive Session: None

Other Business: Manager Vana informed the board of Ms. Lemke's resignation due to moving outside of the Township. Manager also reviewed pending maternity leave in May and will return in mid-August.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Ms. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lue seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Nelson
Mental Health Board Secretary